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Former postal clerk is sentenced for embezzlement

A federal judge has sentenced **Kevin J. Hackett**, a former Postal Service clerk, to one year incarceration – six months in prison and six months of home confinement – for embezzling nearly \$37,000 at a Postal Service branch office on Smith Street, Providence.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence. Judge Smith also fined Hackett \$3,000 and ordered him to repay the Postal Service approximately \$37,000.

In September, a jury convicted Hackett of six charges in connection with the theft. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard W. Rose presented evidence that, between January and May of 2003, Hackett stole \$36,988 from the branch office, known as the North Finance Station, where he was the supervisory clerk. Hackett used a series of deceptive bookkeeping entries to survive an audit in May 2003 and, when facing another audit, faked a robbery to cover up his theft.

Hackett was convicted of theft of postal funds and five counts of making fraudulent entries in postal accounting records. Hackett, 42, of 94 Caporal Street, Cranston, must report to prison on January 14.

The **United States Postal Inspection Service** investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose prosecuted it.